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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I want to thank you and your colleagues for your efforts to foster and promote sound spectrum management, and I'd like to encourage you to approve LightSquared's License Modification Application. Those of us who live and work in rural communities would like to see sound, reliable broadband access extended to everyone, so that our friends and neighbors have the same advantages for education, healthcare, and employment already available to folks in urban areas. Therefore, we have been pleased to note that watchwords at the FCC now appear to be *spectrum efficiency* and *spectrum use*.

Those of us who have kept up with LightSquared's ongoing efforts to build a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network applaud the company's willingness to voluntarily relinquish its authority to use its own licensed spectrum in order to protect the GPS industry. Pending your approval, perhaps this step, along with your allowing the company to share neighboring spectrum with the federal government, will finally help us realize the economic benefits of such expanded spectrum.

Your public comments about making much more spectrum available for mobile broadband are on target, and we in rural America appreciate your commitment to seeing this idea come to fruition. It's true that consumers could very soon face slower speeds, more and more dropped calls, and higher and higher prices – something most families, especially in my part of rural Arkansas, cannot afford. By granting LightSquared's application, you'll be paving the way for the Virginia-based company to build a network that will undoubtedly address these important issues.

I assure you that folks in my community would like to see this happen. Please move to efficiently address this matter. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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